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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MELES ON RWANDA --

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MELES TOLD A/S SHATTUCK THAT THE

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK MET WITH TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE) PRESIDENT MELES ZENAWI ON 5 MAY, ACCCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, RP/DAS MCKINLEY, HA SPECIAL ASSISTANT KAUFMANN, AND POLECONOFF. ONE ETHIOPIAN NOTETAKER WAS ALSO PRESENT. (ETHIOPIAN TOPICS CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.)

4. A/S SHATTUCK OPENED THE MEETING BY DESCRIBING THE PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION, NOTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA AND HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN RECONSTITUTING AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN RWANDA. A/S SHATTUCK NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH OAU SYG SALIM (SEPTEL) AND SAID THAT THE OAU WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE RWANDA CRISIS.

5. PRESIDENT MELES ASKED WHAT THE U.S. WAS DOING IN RWANDA. A/S SHATTUCK REPLIED THAT THE USG HAD PROVIDED USD 63 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMBINED BURUNDI-RWANDA CRISIS SINCE OCTOBER 1993. MOREOVER THE USG WAS WORKING WITH OTHER STATES TO CRAFT A NEW UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD IMPOSE AN ARMS EMBARGO ON RWANDA AND RECONSTITUTE UNAMIR'S PRESENCE IN RWANDA. THE KEY GOALS OF U.S. POLICY WERE TO FIND WAYS OF PROTECTING CIVILIANS AND REFUGEES AND TO ENSURE THAT AN INVESTIGATION INTO GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TAKES PLACE. THE USG WAS PREPARED TO OFFER FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE OAU, AND WAS CONSULTING WITH REGIONAL LEADERS. A/S SHATTUCK ASKED

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MELES FOR HIS VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA.

6. MELES SAID HE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN RWANDA AND ASKED WHETHER THE USG THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THE RPF WOULD PREVAIL MILITARILY. A/S SHATTUCK REPLIED THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION WAS UNCERTAIN. WHAT WAS CLEAR WAS THAT IN THE CHAOS LARGE

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NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS WERE BEING KILLED AND THAT NO ONE WAS PROTECTING THEM. THE IMMEDIATE GOAL WAS A CEASE-FIRE TO STOP THE KILLINGS. ONCE THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, THE ARUSHA PROCESS COULD BE CONTINUED. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT OAU SYG SALIM HAD TOLD THE RPF THAT EVEN IF IT WON MILITARILY IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RULE IN PREDOMINANTLY HUTU RWANDA AND WOULD NEED TO MAKE SOME SORT OF POLITICAL DEAL.

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8. A/S SHATTUCK SAID THAT STABILITY WAS NEEDED, BUT ALSO MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTS THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED. IN THAT CONTEXT, THE UN AND THE OAU WERE LOOKING TO RECONSTITUTE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN RWANDA IN ORDER TO STOP THE MASSACRES. A CEASE-FIRE WAS NECESSARY FOR THIS. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CANNOT STOP THE VIOLENCE AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, BUT IT COULD PREVENT IT FROM SPREADING INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND REFUGEE CAMPS.

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9. DAS MCKINLEY ADDED THAT THE REFUGEE ISSUE WAS RELATED TO THE QUESTION OF STABILITY. THE RPF EXPANSION OUT OF ITS STRONGHOLD IN THE NORTH HAD LED TO ENORMOUS PRESSURE FOR RWANDANS TO LEAVE. IF THE RPF CONTINUED TO ADVANCE TOWARD THE SOUTH, EVEN MORE REFUGEES MAY LEAVE. THE RPF NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A RESPONSIBLE AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF FOOD AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES. EARLY SIGNS WERE THAT THIS WAS INDEED THE CASE.

10. A/S SHATTUCK THANKED PRESIDENT MELES FOR HIS VIEWS, AND AGREED THAT AN IMPORTANT PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT WAS DETERMINING WHO HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS.

11. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF ETHIOPIAN ISSUES, PRESIDENT MELES RETURNED TO RWANDA SAYING THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO SEND TROOPS TO RWANDA, AND KNEW THAT THE USG WAS PREPARED TO FINANCE SUCH AN OPERATION, BUT HAD CONCERNs THAT THE MONEY WOULD NOT COME IN TIME AND THAT IT MIGHT STOP BEFORE THE OPERATIONS WERE COMPLETE. THE LIBERIA EXPERIENCE WAS ON EVERYONE'S MIND. A/S SHATTUCK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM.

12. COMMENT: [redacted]
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END COMMENT.

13 A/S SHATTUCK LEFT BEFORE REVIEWING THIS MESSAGE.
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